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Department Of Corrections and Rehabilitation, San Quentin State Prison, Condemned Inmate Complex—Scope Change and Recognize Anticipated Deficit

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 13332.11(f) of the Government Code, the following report is respectfully submitted.

The Budget Act of 2003 (Chapter 157, Statutes of 2003, Item 5240-301-0660(4)) appropriated \$220 million (lease-revenue bonds) for preliminary plans, working drawings, and construction of the Condemned Inmate Complex (CIC) at the California State Prison, San Quentin. The project provides for the construction of 1,024 cells capable of housing 1,408 condemned male inmates, recreation yards, support buildings, and a 24 bed in-patient Correctional Treatment Center (CTC) designed to serve the entire institution. Primarily due to extraordinary inflation in the construction industry, the recently completed preliminary plans estimate the project to now cost approximately \$265 million, which exceeds the 20 percent augmentation authority.

As a result, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) is requesting a scope change to eliminate one of the four stacked 180 housing units and its associated recreation yards. As revised, the project will construct 768 cells to house 1,152 inmates, at an estimated project cost of \$233 million, or 6 percent more than appropriated. As of July 27, 2005, the condemned population is 610 inmates and has historically grown by an average of approximately 25 inmates per year. Thus, DCR estimates that the revised project will provide adequate capacity for condemned inmates until 2026.

The eliminated housing unit represents two single-story high-security 180 housing units (stacked on top of each other) as modified to meet security, operational, and program requirements for condemned male inmates. Each of the three remaining stacked housing units will contain approximately 107,800 square feet of building space, 256 cells, inmate dayrooms, elevated control rooms, food service kitchens, and program space.

Modifications to the recreation are also planned because of the elimination of a housing unit including reducing the number of group yards by four, the number of small management yards by 20 and no longer requiring two gun posts. Each group yard is designed for approximately 30 inmates and consists of a 35 by 65 foot concrete paved fenced enclosure complete with a basketball hoop and toilet facilities. The small management yards are approximately 10 by 15 feet, concrete paved, and provide toilet facilities and a metal roof over a portion of the yard.

Lastly, a vehicle sallyport designed to serve as a security entry point for vehicles/trucks entering/exiting the recreation yard of the housing unit is no longer necessary.

Although Section 13332.11(f) of the Government Code does not address a specific review period by the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for such scope changes, it is our intent to approve this request no sooner than 20 days from the above date.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Michael Carter, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-9694.

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